

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	16292	Agenda Number	42.
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Meeting Date:	6/28/2012	Department:	Planning and Development Review
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Subject

Approve an ordinance on second and third readings amending Title 25 of the City Code addressing the short term rental of residential units. Related to Item #93.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	<p>January 12, 2012: City Council adopts a resolution direction the City Auditor to prepare a report looking at several aspects of the short term rental market in Austin.</p> <p>May 24, 2012: Postponed until June 7, 2012.</p> <p>June 7, 2012: Council closed the public hearing and approved the draft ordinance on first reading with some changes from the dais.</p>
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Planning Commission.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

For visitors or Austin residents seeking a place to stay for a short period of time, the short term rental of a house of other residential structure has become an increasingly popular option. These short term rentals can offer great flexibility and a unique experience for visitors, and can provide an important source of income for the property owner.

As these short term rentals become popular, homeowners that reside near them have questioned whether the rental of residential structures for short durations should be more appropriately considered a commercial rather than residential activity, and regulated accordingly.

The Planning Commission has worked extensively with stakeholders and has drafted a proposal to regulate the short term rental of residential structures through amendments to the land development code.